



Donald W. Edlebeck

February 7, 1920 - February 17, 2015

Donald W. Edlebeck, 95, of Goodman left this life to return home to the Lord on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

He was born on February 7, 1920 in Goodman, Wisconsin to James and Kathryn (Wesely) Edlebeck. Don graduated from Goodman High School in 1937. He then attended Dundon Business School in Iron Mountain, MI, spent one year with the Civil Conservation Corps at Camp Dunbar, Wisconsin until moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1939 to work as a machinist. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and served his country in Europe with B Company, 125 Engineering Battalion of 14th Armored Division during WWII until the end of the war in 1945. Upon returning home to Goodman, he started a Watkins Product sales business traveling throughout Marinette, Florence and Forest Counties. While traveling the area and meeting the rural families, he met the love of his life Mary Ann VanPembroke. Soon after, they were married on October 24, 1953. Don started working for the Calumet and Hecla Lumber Company in Goodman in 1954, learning and excelling at a new trade, lumber grading and continued until his retirement. Together they raised 11 children until 1975, when Mary Ann passed away. Don married Ann Yenter on September 25, 1980, bringing a new guiding light to the family. Ann preceded him in death on April 23, 2009.

Don loved the gifts that God provided. Vegetable gardening was his passion,

using composting techniques he observed in Europe during the war as a method of fertilizing for many years. He loved working with wood and passed this on to his children. He treated trees as a renewable resource, much as his gardens. His benches, birdhouse and small crafts can be found all over the country, as he found much pleasure in sharing with friends and relatives.

Don was quick with funny stories and he had an unlimited supply of jokes and quick one liners. His wisdom of life and his faith in God was strong and he firmly believed that our lives are in HIS hands.

Don leaves one brother Kenneth (Lorraine) of Crivitz, Wisconsin, nine sons Anthony (Denise) Edlebeck of Kingsford, Michigan, Joseph Edlebeck of Iron Mountain, Michigan, John (Patty) Edlebeck of Kingsford, Michigan, Daniel (Darlene) Edlebeck of Wabeno, Wisconsin, Charles (Debra) Edlebeck, Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin, Martin (Natalie) Edlebeck of Fort Worth, Texas, David (Bonita) Edlebeck of Niagara, Wisconsin, Andrew (Vickie) Edlebeck of Appleton, Wisconsin and Vincent (Christine) Edlebeck of Davenport, Florida; two daughters, Barbara (Steve) Sheldon of Neshkoro, Wisconsin and Stephanie (Andy) Metko of Appleton, Wisconsin, three step-sons James (Barbara) Johnson of Spring Hills, Florida, Richard (Marlene) Johnson of Pembine, Wisconsin and Glen (Patricia) Johnson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a step-daughter, Karen (Tom) Schmitt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; grandchildren; Brian, Sara, Maureen, Mark, Kevin, Paul, Erin, Adam, Anna, Hope, Hailey, Heather, Holly, Benjamin, Christina, Noah, Jackson, Spencer, Cody, Jacob and Michael, four step-grandchildren, Bettina, Linda, Jason and Jennifer; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and wives, Don was preceded in death by one son, six brothers and five sisters.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Friday from

9:30 to 10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home . Funeral services will be at 11:00 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Goodman Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Donald Edlebeck online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The Family would like to express a sincere appreciation for all those that help Dad over the past few years in Goodman, the wonderful staff at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford for the past several months and the staff at the Oscar Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Iron Mountain for their exceptional care and caring for Dad.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Kingsford with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Visitation

FEB **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Jenni Lindstrom lit a candle in memory of Donald W. Edlebeck*



jenni lindstrom - April 21, 2015 at 12:16 AM

GO

“ *We were sorry to read the Edlebeck patriarch has passed. Take care. Gary and Evelyn*

Gary R Olson - February 26, 2015 at 10:21 PM

GT

“ *Dear Edlebeck family, we are truly saddened at the loss of your dad and grandpa. Although I had never met him, I feel that thru the many stories shared by Dan that I know a little piece of his soul. He had to have been one of the true "legends" of his time in Goodman, and, not only did you lose your loved dad, the region lost a treasured man. We are so sorry. Thanks, Dan, I could listen to "dad" stories all nite long, and even tell a few of my own....they are what makes us who we are.*

Gregg Tallier - February 23, 2015 at 09:08 AM

CY

“ We send our condolences to all for the loss of your Father, Grandfather, neighbor and friend, he will be sadly missed by all as he touched everyone in such special ways. Like putting up with us bunch of "hooligans"! Thanks for the memories, we are sorry we were unable to be there in person to share them with you but look forward to the time when we can. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat and Cindy Yelich

Cindy Yelich - February 22, 2015 at 07:27 AM

 Nancy Miller

“ Yes, there will be a big Flusko Party in heaven with German songs being sung. I hear my dad saying "Welcome home, Domka!" Uncle Don, you were loved and will be missed.

God speed,
Nancy Edlebeck Miller

Nancy Miller - February 22, 2015 at 07:14 AM

DT

“ I remember this very nice gentleman came to our house in Dunbar when I was young and sold Watkins products. He raised a large, very nice family. I am sorry I did not stop and see him when I was up at Evergreen recently. But will he will be remembered. Dianne (Plemel) Thull and family

Dianne Thull - February 20, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.*



February 20, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.*



February 20, 2015 at 04:41 AM



“ *The world has lost a kind and caring man and a great Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family of Don. He raised some great kids.*

*Our condolences,
Bernard and Judy Ingram*

Judith and Bernard Ingram - February 19, 2015 at 11:56 PM

RA

“ Our heartfelt prayers and condolences are with Edlebeck family
May God's comfort and peace surround the family in the loss of
their loved one.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" Psalm
116:15*

*Pastor and Congregation of Zion United Methodist Church,
Neshkoro, WI.*

Rev. Aaron Alfred - February 19, 2015 at 10:13 PM

CE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will always remember
Uncle Don's jokes and the way he could always bring a smile to
your face. He will be greatly missed.

Colleen Edlebeck

Colleen Edlebeck - February 19, 2015 at 08:21 PM

SE

“ My thoughts and sympathies go out to my cousins Tony, Barb, Joe,
John, Marty, David, Chuck, Vince, Dan, Andy, and Steph, and their
families.

*I will always remember and thank Uncle Don for everything he did to
help me, my Dad (his brother Syl), and my Aunt Dorothy. He was so
good and kind to so many people. He will be remembered fondly!*

Sylvia Edlebeck

Sylvia Edlebeck - February 19, 2015 at 06:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.*



February 19, 2015 at 04:13 PM



“ *To the Edelbeck family:
Your Dad touched the lives of many of the young people of Goodman. My boys have many fond memories of the times spent out at the cabin on fire tower road. Mr. Edelbeck always had a kind word for everyone. At this difficult time remember him with all the memories. May God Bless you at this difficult time.*

Bob and Peggy Cutchins

Peggy - February 19, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Edlebeck family.*

Every encounter that I had with Don was in great spirit. His humor and quick-wit left you very entertained....a characteristic found in many of his children to this day. I know that today and the days to come will be difficult, but find comfort in all of the memories and stories that you have in your hearts.

*Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was.
Hebrew Proverb*

*Love,
DeAnna Klescewski*

DeAnna Klescewski - February 19, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JL

“ Your dad will be missed by all. He was one unique man and was always happy and had a joke to share. Memories will keep him alive everyday.

Our thoughts and prayers are will you all.

*Love,
Jim and Carla LaChapell*

Jim and Carla LaChapell - February 19, 2015 at 11:41 AM

LF

“ I was 19 when I first met Don while working at what was then known, as the Louisiana Pacific sawmill. He always treated me with respect, even though I was one of the "Michigan guys". Although we only worked together for a few years, he always greeted me with a handshake and conversation whenever we ran into each other in town. Thanks Don for your friendship and warm memories. My heart felt condolences to the entire Edlebeck family.

*Laurn (Goose) Fontaine
Peshtigo*

Laurn Fontaine - February 19, 2015 at 11:36 AM

DT

“ Dawn & Fuzzy Thurston lit a candle in memory of Donald W. Edlebeck



Dawn & Fuzzy Thurston - February 19, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ Dear Vince and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you this week at this difficult time.

Jindy Strader



Jindy Strader - February 19, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.



February 19, 2015 at 08:25 AM

SK

“ Scott, Pamela & Natalie Kowalkowski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.



Scott, Pamela & Natalie Kowalkowski - February 19, 2015 at 07:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.



February 19, 2015 at 07:36 AM

JK

“ John, Monica and Morgan Kelley purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.



John, Monica and Morgan Kelley - February 19, 2015 at 06:57 AM

TG

“ The HPS team at InterContinental Hotels Group purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Donald W. Edlebeck.



The HPS team at InterContinental Hotels Group - February 19, 2015 at 06:54 AM

MA

“ Don was one of my favorite customers at the bank. He brought us many of his wood decorations and was always tickled to see them displayed. I loved it when he would end his visit by saying " It's a good day for the race." He raised one of the nicest families to grow up in Goodman. What a wonderful legacy.
Marge (Leja) Anderson

Marge Anderson - February 18, 2015 at 08:01 PM

JA

“ Dear Tony plus 10 and your families. We are so sorry to hear of your loss and that another of the "greatest generation" is gone.

I was born in 1944, so I remember when your dad visited our farm on Skyline Drive in Aurora representing the Watkins company. I must have been less than 8 years old. Then I remember the surprise my mother expressed when she learned that her sister Mary Ann and he were a "thing". That explained his frequent visits to Aurora.

I wish we could be with you at this time. I remember well that several of my Edlebeck cousins were with us to help remember my mother at her passing not that long ago.

God bless you all as you adjust to your loss. Love each other and tell all the stories.

Jerry and Jan Alfredson

Jerry Alfredson - February 18, 2015 at 07:41 PM

RE

“ Very sorry for your loss. Uncle Don will be greatly missed; His funny stories and our happy memories will always be a reminder of what an amazing man he was.

- The Ellen Edlebeck (Scharenbroch) Family

Rebecca - February 18, 2015 at 04:53 PM

BZ

Joe, So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. You and your family are in my prayers.

Barb Zeugner

Barb Zeugner - February 19, 2015 at 06:49 PM